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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

January 3, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, into Your hands we commend the efforts and accomplishments of the 117th Congress. The Members, officers, staff, administration, Capitol Police, and all who have endured long hours of heartfelt and intense labor now lay their contributions before You for Your blessing.

Receive the work of our hands that by Your hand our Nation would be upheld in the pursuit of a more perfect union.

Bless the outcomes of heated debate and passionate argument that by Your righteousness, what is right in Your eyes would prevail.

Sanctify both the profound and the mundane moments of these last 2 years that we would be assured that Your grace plan has been advanced, whether because of or despite our best efforts.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for this past Congress that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts will have been acceptable in Your sight, our rock and our redeemer.

We pray this in Your sovereign name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 6 of House Resolution 1529, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. PETERS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PETERS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESSMAN MIKE DOYLE,
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT,
Pennsylvania, December 16, 2022.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, This letter is to inform you of my intention to resign my seat in Congress effective December 31, 2022.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with you and to represent the good people of the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Best wishes to you and your family in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

MIKE DOYLE,
Pennsylvania, 18th District.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that in light of the resignation of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Butterfield) and

the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Doyle), the whole number of the House is 429.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2028:

Mr. Mondaire Jones, White Plains, New York.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV,

EC-6356. A letter from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's report on competitive sourcing efforts for FY 2022, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 108-199, Sec. 647(b); (118 Stat. 361), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Submitted on December 31, 2022]

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York: Committee on Oversight and Reform.

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117th Congress Activity Report Committee on Oversight and Reform (Rept. 117-699). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted on January 1, 2023]

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia: Committee on Education and Labor. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and Labor During the 117th Congress (Rept. 117-700). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted on January 2, 2023]

Ms. WATERS: Committee on Financial Services. Report on the Activity of the Committee on Financial Services for the One Hundred and Seventeenth Congress (Rept. 117-701). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 117th Congress (Rept. 117-702). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. DELAURO: Committee on Appropriations. Committee on Appropriations Annual Report of Committee Activities One Hundred Seventeenth Congress (Rept. 117-703). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources 117th Congress (Rept. 117-704). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. DEFAZIO: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Summary on the Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 117th Congress (Rept. 117-705). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. WILD: Committee on Ethics. Summary of Activities One Hundred Seventeenth Congress Report of the Committee on Ethics (Rept. 117-706). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia: Committee on Agriculture. Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Activities During the 117th Congress (Rept. 117-707). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted on January 3, 2023]

Mr. NEAL: Committee on Ways and Means. Report on the Legislative and Oversight Ac-

tivities of the Committee on Ways and Means During the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress (Rept. 117-708). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCGOVERN: Committee on Rules. Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules for the 117th Congress (Rept. 117-709). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 9705. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish goals for the use of diverse investment advisers, brokers, and dealers in investment management agreements related to the Board of Governor's unusual and exigent circumstances authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 9706. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require Federal Reserve banks to interview at least one individual reflective of gender diversity and one individual reflective of racial or ethnic diversity when appointing Federal Reserve bank presidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 9707. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a block grant program to provide incentives to underage mothers to stay in school and remain off of welfare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 9708. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former employees of covered health agencies from serving on the board of entities involved in development and research of covered vaccines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana:

H.R. 9709. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue regulations, policy, and guid-

ance to ensure the safety of the aviation system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 9705.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 9706.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 9707.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 9708.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana:

H.R. 9709.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 3 and 18 of the United States Constitution

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 9281: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.

H.R. 9508: Mr. BANKS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. FALLON, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mr. JACKSON.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11:30 and 2 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable PATRICK LEAHY, a Senator from the State of Vermont.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate stands adjourned sine die.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:30 and 14 seconds a.m., adjourned sine die.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER OF
MICHELLE ROMAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Michelle Roman for 10 years of dedication and leadership on the Kingsburg City Council.

Throughout her distinguished career, Michelle Roman has been a pioneer for women within local politics. She was the first female Mayor Pro-tem and Mayor for the City of Kingsburg. She was also the first female to chair the Fresno County Council of Governments and Fresno County Rural Transportation Authority. Consistently breaking down the barriers of gender norms, Michelle Roman has become an inspiration for women throughout the Central Valley.

Ms. Roman has a relentless passion for serving the community. Following her prior roles, Ms. Roman has served as the chair of Selma Kingsburg Fowler (SKF) County Sanitation District. A proven leader, Michelle was then elected to serve on the board for the State California Association of Sanitation Agencies, also known as CASA.

Throughout her ten years on City Council, she was able to complete many projects, including: establishing Kingsburg's first skateboard park, a new trolley for transportation, started the Kingsburg Youth Council, added a youth Commissioner to the city's Community Services Committee, created a mini mural project which added six new murals to Kingsburg's beautiful downtown area, and was instrumental in bringing T-Mobile to the city, which provided over 1,000 jobs.

She also created incentives for new businesses which have attracted many other businesses that are new to the city and have resulted in a waiting list for those wanting to open a business in town. Ms. Roman's efforts were vital in establishing a city tour for 3rd grade classrooms in Kingsburg, which inspired other cities to follow suit. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked hard with state and county elected officials for Kingsburg to receive its own vaccination clinic and assisted local businesses with writing grants to ensure they received funding to survive, when so many businesses were forced to close. She also started the first Fresno County Elected Women's Dinners, which brought together all elected women in Fresno County for networking, fellowship and mentoring new elected women.

Ms. Roman has been married to her husband, John, for almost 24 years and they have two kids, Justin and Lindsey. Their family has rescued 2 dogs, Nani and Ash.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Michelle Roman for her retirement. May we continue to be inspired by her story.

TOM RICE APPRECIATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, throughout my time in Congress, I have been grateful to serve with my South Carolina colleague, Congressman TOM RICE of the Grand Strand.

Not only is TOM a valued friend, but a fellow Gamecock, as we both received our law degrees from the University of South Carolina. We were also both born in the Holy City of Charleston—at Roper Hospital (10 years and six days apart).

I am eternally grateful for his ten years of service to South Carolina's Seventh congressional district and to the nation.

Traveling with TOM on a 2018 CODEL to Israel will remain a highlight of my time with him in Congress. There, in the capital city of Jerusalem, we were fortunate to have participated in the opening of the new U.S. Embassy. It was an historic event.

We also served on a delegation together to Kabul, Afghanistan, where he so appreciated our courageous military, including my son Hunter, an engineer with the South Carolina National Guard.

TOM began his career working for an accounting firm in North Carolina, where he earned his CPA certificate. He then returned to South Carolina where he worked for a tax law firm, and ultimately established his own practice in Myrtle Beach.

During his time on the House Ways and Means Committee he used his professional experience to fight for policies that were fiscally responsible and helped America be more globally competitive. There he focused on issues such as job creation, reforming the tax code, and growing the economy.

TOM is a good person who further serves the people of South Carolina through his work with many charitable and civic organizations.

Today, I honor his service to the American people and wish him and his wife Wrenzie, the best in their future endeavors.

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND CYBER SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, as Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber in the 117th Congress and Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment in the

116th Congress, I have led the Subcommittee during one of the most pivotal times in terms of the Europe's importance to global peace and stability. As such, I am proud that from the very beginning I have been dedicated to strengthening the resolute relationship between the United States and Europe. Together our transatlantic alliance has the greatest combined economic power coupled with a security alliance greater than any other in history. As we face heightened threats from Russia and China, I believe the strength and effectiveness of our coalition is more important than ever. As such, I have focused on transatlantic efforts to combat challenges facing our liberal, democratic world, underscored the need for greater efforts to respond to climate change, and worked to ensure transatlantic unity in the face of Russia's unprecedented and illegal full-scale invasion of Ukraine. This final Summary of Accomplishments will provide a brief overview of the work that this Subcommittee has undertaken in the 116th and 117th Congress.

In response to Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, the Subcommittee has taken a direct role in shining a light on the horrors the Russian government is committing in Ukraine and ensuring that all perpetrators, regardless of level or rank, are held accountable. As such, the Subcommittee has held three hearings on Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine; bringing expert witnesses to provide firsthand accounts of atrocity crimes committed by Russian soldiers in Ukraine as well as the efforts by national and international bodies to prosecute individuals for said atrocity crimes. Based on this expert testimony, including testimony provided by the Prosecutor General of Ukraine Andriy Kostin, Ranking Member FITZPATRICK and I, along with 40 bipartisan members of Congress, introduced H.R. 8532, the Atrocity Crimes, Relief, and Accountability Act, to ensure Ukrainian refugees in America are able to tell their stories to international investigators, further U.S. support for international efforts towards justice, and establish a victims' trust fund to assist individuals and families affected by Russia's war of choice. Furthermore, along with 20 bipartisan Members of Congress, I introduced and co-sponsored a resolution calling on the President to support the creation of a Special Tribunal for the punishment of the crime of aggression against Ukraine. Overall, the Subcommittee has worked diligently in support of the Ukrainian people's fight for freedom and independence, and I am confident our efforts will have a lasting impact.

In addition, the Subcommittee has endeavored to better understand the Russia of today and the ways in which the U.S. government can more effectively counter Russian malign aggression. To that end, the Subcommittee held a hearing in 2021 with author and professor Masha Gessen, Bellingcat CEO Christo Grozev, Dr. Yuval Weber, and Mr. Edward Lucas to discuss Russia's ongoing influence operations around the world and how disidents continue to push back against Kremlin

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malfeasance. Furthermore, the Subcommittee held a joint hearing with Chairwoman Karen Bass and the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights to discuss Russian malign influence in Africa. In the lead up to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Subcommittee organized two classified briefings to ensure Members of Congress were aware of Russia's buildup of troops on the Ukrainian border as well as in Belarus and adequately briefed on our government's assessments of the Kremlin's true intentions in Ukraine. Finally, the Subcommittee held a hearing in November 2022 with Secretary Ernest Moniz, Ms. Heather Conley, Mr. Jim Townsend, Mr. Daleep Singh and Ms. Rebecca Heinrichs to discuss Russia's changing role on the global stage following their full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Throughout the past four years, it has been clear that Russia has been and will continue to present a dangerous threat to the liberal, democratic order, and the U.S. government must continue to do everything in its power with a whole-of-government approach to counter the threat that Russia poses globally.

In addition, the Subcommittee has deepened and strengthened the transatlantic alliance. Over the past four years and in the lead-up to the 70th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Subcommittee held four hearings on the importance of the transatlantic alliance and the future of NATO. In fact, two of the first hearings this Subcommittee held in the 116th Congress focused on "The Historic American Alliance with Europe" and "The Future of NATO: New Challenges and Opportunities." Further, as Chair I have continuously engaged with transatlantic partners both here in Washington and abroad to exchange best practices, establish new partnerships, and redouble our efforts to achieve shared goals. Finally, when our allies in Sweden and Finland voiced their desire to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, I was proud to introduce and pass a House resolution welcoming them, as interoperable security partners into our historic alliance. The transatlantic alliance has and will continue to represent our greatest alliance in our fight to protect our democracy and values, and I am proud of the Subcommittee's focus on our enduring relationship.

Moreover, as Chair, I have taken a special interest in furthering policies and initiatives that are crucial to U.S. interests and leading policy discussions on some key issues facing Europe today. For example, on the issues of European integration, I have continued to advocate for the accession of North Macedonia and Albania into the European Union. The Balkans, as a region squarely belonging in the European community, should continue to receive U.S. and European support as developing democracies. North Macedonia and Albania, in particular, have made great strides in terms of democratic development. As such, I encouraged Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Balkans and the Office of Public Diplomacy Gabriel Escobar to prioritize support for this matter with our allies in the European Union, and I sent a letter to key players involved in the accession decisions expressing my support for North Macedonia and Albania's accession. At the same time, I have also long foreseen the dangers of European energy dependence on Russian sources and have

worked to support initiatives that would foster energy independence in Europe. For example, I have worked with my colleague, Representative MARCY KAPTUR, a Member of the Appropriations Committee, to encourage the Biden administration to provide robust funding for the Three Seas Initiative, a critical effort led by our Central and Eastern European allies to correct infrastructure patterns left from the Soviet Union, encourage interconnectivity throughout the region, and counter Russian malign influence through energy. In addition, in June 2022, I held a hearing with Biden administration officials to better understand U.S. efforts to support European Energy Security as well as the ways in which Congress can continue to assist our Ukrainian partners as Russia bombards their electricity grid causing massive blackouts during Russia's brutal invasion. These are just two examples of the thematic issues the Subcommittee took on with regard to our transatlantic alliance, and I am proud of our efforts.

On the issue of the environment, this Subcommittee has taken an active role in the fight against climate, having held six hearings in the 116th and 117th Congress on issues related to climate change and global warming. For example, in the lead-up to the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference in 2021, the Subcommittee heard expert testimony from Patricia Espinosa, then-Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Frans Timmerman, Executive Vice President for the European Green Deal at the European Commission, and Ms. Rachel Kyte CMG, Dean of the Fletcher School at Tufts University and former Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary General. In addition, the Subcommittee held hearings on issues related to Arctic security—inviting experts on the changing political, security, and environmental aspects of the region—as well as the growing relationship between the U.S. and our transatlantic alliance in an effort to build stronger and more robust wind energy infrastructure in the United States. Finally, as Chair, I introduced a bill establishing specific diplomatic posts for climate change attachés at major diplomatic hubs. I am proud that the Biden administration has moved forward with this plan, establishing ten such positions this year, with ten more positions established in the coming year.

In the face of democratic backsliding and the rise of authoritarianism abroad, the defense of democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a free press are essential for preserving our liberty and values. To that end, I have made it a major focus of the Subcommittee to support democratic resiliency efforts and shine a light on concerning issues related to democratic backsliding in the region. As such, the Subcommittee held a landmark hearing with the founding Mayors of the Pact of Free Cities partnership from Budapest, Hungary; Prague, Czech Republic; Bratislava, Slovakia; and Warsaw, Poland. During this hearing, we heard powerful testimony and highlighted the importance of local leaders from across the political spectrum to protect democratic values. In addition, the Subcommittee also held a briefing on the erosion of democracy and the rule of law in Hungary. During this briefing, expert witnesses such as Professor Kim Lane Scheppelle, Mr. Daniel Hegedus, and Ms. Marta Pardavi provided a

detailed analysis of the path the Orban regime has taken in slowing chipping away democratic principles as well as protection for minority groups, such as the LGBTQI+ community and the Roma. To that end, I am proud that the Subcommittee also held the first-ever House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on protecting LGBTQI+ rights. During this hearing, the Subcommittee heard testimony from human rights defenders from Russia, Hungary, Ukraine, and Brussels on efforts to protect the rights of the LGBTQI+ community in Europe. Further, in January of 2020, I held a hearing on the issue of Rising Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia in Europe, where I invited expert witnesses to provide expert testimony, including Dr. Alfred Munzer, Holocaust Survivor, Volunteer, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies, Tam Institute for Jewish Studies and the Department of Religion, Emory University, and current Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism. Finally, on International Women's Day in 2021, the Subcommittee held a briefing with female journalists from the post-Soviet space who are fighting every day for fair treatment against undemocratic and often authoritarian regimes. These women highlighted the very real opportunities and challenges facing female journalists in the post-Soviet space.

Following fraudulent elections in Belarus in 2020, the Subcommittee followed closely as a renewed Belarusian opposition movement emerged, led by female leaders, as an alternative to the authoritarian rule of Aleksandr Lukashenka. To support the opposition movement in Belarus, the Subcommittee held its first hearing of the 117th Congress in March 2021 and invited Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya to provide testimony. Further, as Chair of the Subcommittee, I, along with a bipartisan group of Members, established the Friends of Belarus Caucus to continue to support democracy in Belarus. In addition, I introduced H. Res.124, a House resolution supporting the people of Belarus, which passed the House of Representatives in April 2021. Finally, working together with my colleague Representative MARCY KAPTUR of the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to increase funding for democratic development in Belarus to \$30 million dollars in FY22. Bipartisan Members of the Subcommittee will continue to support the democratic movement in Belarus, and I will continue to advocate for continued support for civil society in Belarus.

Further, the Subcommittee has taken a vocal stance in support of the Good Friday Agreement and the ongoing peace process in Northern Ireland. As we approach the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement in April 2023, I look forward to continuing to work on this issue with Members from across the aisle and representatives from across the Atlantic. As Chair, I have consistently advocated for the appointment of a U.S. Special Envoy to Northern Ireland, and I am pleased that President Biden recently appointed former Member of Congress Joe Kennedy to that position. In addition, the Subcommittee has held two hearings on the Northern Ireland peace process, hearing testimony from female leaders involved in the peace process and youth leaders, as well as a briefing, focused on the continued search for justice for those victims who experienced violence during the Troubles as

well as their families. Based on the testimony from these official events, I also introduced and passed House Resolution 888, condemning the killing of 14 individuals and the violence on Bloody Sunday as well as calling on all parties to take meaningful steps toward peace and reconciliation. Finally, to further these efforts, I led a Congressional Delegation in November 2022 to Dublin, Ireland and Belfast, United Kingdom to meet with stakeholders across communities and traditions and ensure the continued positive role of the United States as a good-faith actor in the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. The CO DEL met with local leaders, representatives from the Irish and UK governments as well as all five of the main political parties in Northern Ireland. While I believe our efforts have been very impactful, I recognize that more work still needs to be done. I am thankful for the Members of the Subcommittee who have worked diligently on this issue over the past two years, and I will continue to make this issue a focus of mine in the coming Congress.

Finally, as Chair I have endeavored to utilize the platform we have on the Subcommittee to highlight the voices of young people as well as individuals on the ground. For example, during the 116th Congress I led a joint hearing with the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis titled "Voices Leading the Next Generation on the Global Climate Crisis." During that hearing we were honored to hear from young climate activists such as Greta Thunberg, Jamie Margolin, Vic Barrett and Benji Backer. Together they underscored the important need for politicians to enact progressive policies to combat global warming. In addition, I also held a hearing titled "the Role of Young People in Fostering Peace in Northern Ireland," where young people from both committees testified on urgent need for continued implementation of the Good Friday Agreement as well as an increased focus on the creation of economic and educational opportunities in the region. At the same time, through the use of virtual hearings the Subcommittee has continually endeavored to hear from people in the region. In taking this approach, we have been able to be flexible and responsive to changing dynamics in the region, while hearing from those who understand firsthand the situation on the ground, and we have been able to hear from a more diverse set of voices who have shared new perspectives.

As the 117th Congress comes to a close, I look forward to continuing the work of the Subcommittee in the next two years in the 118th Congress and I am immensely proud of the successes of this Subcommittee. I want to thank Chairman GREGORY MEEKS and Chairman Eliot Engel for their partnerships during the 116th and 117th Congresses. In addition, as we move into the 118th Congress, I want to acknowledge the efforts of this Subcommittee and its Members, including Ranking Member for the 117th Congress, BRIAN FITZPATRICK and Ranking Member for the 116th Congress, Adam Kinzinger, for their commitment to work in a bipartisan manner on issues within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction.

The U.S. commitment to Europe and our transatlantic alliance is resolute and steadfast, and I will continue to advocate for the important issues outlined above as we move forward.

In addition to this Summary of Accomplishments, I have compiled three appendixes outlining the hearings and briefings as well as CODELS we have organized, which can be viewed on <https://keating.house.gov/>.

HONORING THE CAREER OF TOM BIRMINGHAM

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Tom Birmingham who has served as the General Manager of Westlands Water District over the last 22 years.

Spanning 1,000 square miles within Fresno and Kings County, Westlands Water District is the largest in the country. Serving as the General Manager, Mr. Birmingham's diligence and leadership has been advantageous to the greater Central Valley for more than 2 decades.

During this time, Tom embraced the full scope of his role, and guided the district through countless projects, including the settlements of drainage litigation and litigation concerning the renewal of the district's 1962 water service contract. He also oversaw the acquisition of additional Central Valley Project water supplies to the district, the conversion of the district's water service contracts to repayment contracts, as well as the implementation of a significant land retirement program, which balanced the demand for water with available supplies. In addition to this, under Tom's leadership, Westlands Water District also implemented several water conservation programs, developed large scale renewable energy projects, constructed habitat restoration projects, and developed integrated water management programs.

Furthermore, Tom and the Westlands team should also be proud of the instrumental role they played in advancing good water policy. Due to their exemplary efforts, they were able to influence major state and federal legislation, including the California 2009 Bay-Delta Reform Act, the CALFED authorizing legislation, the San Joaquin River Settlement and Restoration Program authorizing legislation, and the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act. Tom and his team were also integral in negotiating the water purchase agreement for the Yuba River Accord, which amended the 1986 coordinated operations agreement. Lastly, Tom and company were successful in restoring flexibility for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project operations through the 2019 biological opinions, which resulted in greater protections of listed species.

After 22 years of dedication, Tom will be remembered for all of his hard work at Westlands. He states that he will remember the priceless interactions between himself and the staff of both Westlands and other water agencies, elected officials with whom he worked diligently, and the farmers he represented for so long.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tom Birmingham for a distinguished career. May we continue to be inspired by his good work.

HONORING HARVEST HOME ANIMAL SANCTUARY'S LIFESAIVING ANIMAL RESCUE EFFORTS AND COMMITMENT TO CREATING COMPASSIONATE CHANGE

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an extraordinary organization in California's 9th Congressional District. Since its founding in 2004, Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary, located in Stockton, California, has been a beacon of light for animals in need. Over the past 18 years, they have worked tirelessly to provide life-long care for abused and neglected animals—rehabilitating them both physically and psychologically and, if possible, finding appropriate homes for them. To date, Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary has rescued over 10,000 animals who, in turn, have become the catalyst for an important dialogue about compassion in our community.

The story of Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary began when co-founder Karen Courtemanche saw an online ad for free rabbits and ended up walking into a horrific and life-altering scene. Upon arrival at the listed home address, Karen found nearly 50 malnourished and filthy rabbits surrounded by garbage, waste, and the remains of other deceased rabbits. While she was only able to rescue one rabbit that day, Karen wasted no time alerting the authorities to this horrendous abuse. Following the homeowner's arrest, the rabbits were removed and placed in a shelter where Karen and others visited until they were medically cleared. But rather than being put up for adoption, the rabbits were scheduled to be euthanized, spurring Karen to spring into action. She immediately retrieved them all and brought them to her small home in the East Bay, but as she began to try to find these rabbits loving homes, only one rabbit was adopted. That's when Karen discovered her new mission: to help these rabbits and other unwanted and abused animals. She soon sold her house and purchased two acres of land to create a sanctuary that would not only serve as a home for rescued animals, but would also become a teaching tool for members of our community.

In an effort to prevent cruelty to animals, Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary educates the public on caring for companion animals as well as on issues concerning farmed animals and many widespread practices that result in their inhumane treatment and living conditions. They regularly host animal-centered literacy activities, humane animal care workshops, and discussions on farm animal awareness topics. Additionally, they partner with local libraries to hold events such as the Rescue Readers Club, a program where children read to rescue animals—an engaging way of embracing both compassion and literacy. Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary also partners with school districts and youth organizations to hold Compassionate Classrooms Programs, providing free in-person and virtual educational presentations on the topics of humane care and animal welfare that help bolster kindness and compassion for animals. The sanctuary is open to members of the public, who are invited to take

tours of the facilities and participate in activities—giving visitors the opportunity to directly connect with rescued animals on a personal level. At the core of Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary's work is the fundamental principle that all living creatures deserve to be treated with compassion and kindness—people and animals alike. Their work focuses on educating the public on the common ground shared between animals and people. This speaks directly to Karen's life's work, as she previously spent over 40 years working in education, with a focus on teaching children with disabilities. Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary's educational efforts aim to help people understand how animals are being treated and how we as individuals can make positive change for the betterment of our animal neighbors.

In addition to their educational and outreach efforts, when Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary is informed of cases of cruelty and neglect, they quickly mobilize to help. Through their work in the community, they have built strong partnerships with other animal welfare organizations, law enforcement agencies, animal services, and local governments, which has enabled them to continue their work supporting and rescuing animals in need—including in some large-scale relief efforts in our region and across the country. Karen and Christine Morrissey, who has served for years as the organization's Executive Director, have played a key role in many successful rescue operations. Christine, along with Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary's staff and volunteers, was instrumental in the removal of 1,500 hens from a factory farm where the birds were living in an overcrowded and highly unsanitary environment. They also helped lead the efforts to shut down a local rooster fighting ring and rescue the surviving birds. And when the owner of an egg factory farm abandoned 50,000 chickens, a third of whom were unfortunately deceased when help arrived, they were a central part of the rescue efforts to save the surviving chickens. Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary was also part of a lawsuit against the egg factory farm managers that resulted in their permanent ban from any future work with animals. From local shelters to farms to animal research labs to slaughterhouses, no rescue is too big or too small for this dedicated and committed organization. My Chief of Staff, Nicole Damasco, has called on Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary many times

to help rescue and find homes for animals in distress, and they have stepped up time and again.

A nonprofit powered almost entirely by donations from individuals, Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary is home to 200 animals, with a wide range of species calling the sanctuary home, including goats, potbellied pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, guinea fowl, pigeons, guinea pigs, rabbits and more. They are also an official sanctuary for the House Rabbit Society—an international rabbit advocacy and rescue organization—and feature a specially constructed, temperature-controlled enclosed rabbit habitat on their grounds.

Thanks to outstanding individuals like Karen Courtemanche, Christine Morrissey, and the rest of the staff and volunteers at Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary, the lives of countless animals and people have been positively impacted and forever changed. Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary is not only providing life-saving services and a safe haven for animals in need, they are also building a bridge for compassionate change. Members of our community, both animals and people, are made better by their invaluable work and dedication. For all they have done and will continue to do, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary.

HONORING THE CAREER OF KELLY
S. GILL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kelly S. Gill for 30 years of service as a Congressional employee with the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Kelly has served in different roles throughout her career in the Central Valley and her selfless dedication is clearly evident.

Kelly is a resident of Clovis, California and raised by a military family. With a strong influence from her father and brothers' retirement from the United States Marine Corps, she always carries a special place in her heart for the military and veterans. After graduation at Clovis High School, she attended California State University, Fresno and earned a Political

Science degree. She used her customer service skills and degree to help others in public service.

Kelly began her career as a Congressional Employee in November 1992 working for Congressman Richard H. Lehman, Congressional District 19 in the U.S. House of Representatives. She then worked for a few months as Caseworker for California State Assemblymember Cruz Bustamante before joining the office of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer as Outreach Director in 1995. In 2005, Kelly switched back over the U.S. House of Representatives and has spent 17 years with the Office of Congressman JIM COSTA, while serving in Congressional Districts, CA20 and CA16.

Kelly's name is well-known in the veteran and Punjabi community. She has helped many people throughout Congressman COSTA'S district with federal agencies such as United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Social Security Administration (SSA), military, Veterans Affairs (VA), Medicare, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Embassies and Consulates, and more. Kelly's expertise in constituent services working on difficult inquiries were life-changing for many.

Kelly has coordinated special events for the Congressman and dignitaries, trained staffers, and interns, led the Service Academies, and continues to do so with the goal to see people succeed.

With her two children, Kyle Gill age 29 and Kaylee Gill age 19 by her side, she continues to help people through hardships. Her wisdom is immense and 30 years in public service is without doubt, selfless years of compassion to assist anyone in need.

I invite everyone to celebrate my Deputy District Director and Director of Constituent Services, Kelly's career with me. Her work ethics are the definition of what public service is. Thirty years ago, Kelly started her career working for 4 Valley members and she still enjoys what she does.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of Kelly Gill. May we continue to be influenced by her work ethics and immense knowledge in helping people of the Central Valley. Kelly's character and passion is an inspiration for all.

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Messages From the House:

Enrolled Bills Presented:

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30:02 a.m. and adjourned sine die at 11:30:14 a.m., until 12

noon, on the same day, for the convening of the 118th Congress.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills were introduced. **Page H10550**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10550**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on December 31, 2022 as follows:

Committee on Oversight and Reform. 117th Congress Activity Report Committee on Oversight and Reform (H. Rept. 117–699).

A report was filed on January 1, 2023 as follows:

Committee on Education and Labor. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and Labor During the 117th Congress (H. Rept. 117–700).

Reports were filed on January 2, 2023 as follows:

Committee on Financial Services. Report on the Activity of the Committee on Financial Services for the One Hundred and Seventeenth Congress (H. Rept. 117–701);

Committee on Energy and Commerce. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 117th Congress (H. Rept. 117–702);

Committee on Appropriations. Committee on Appropriations Annual Report of Committee Activities One Hundred Seventeenth Congress (H. Rept. 117–703);

Committee on Natural Resources. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources 117th Congress (H. Rept. 117–704);

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Summary on the Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 117th Congress (H. Rept. 117–705);

Committee on Ethics. Summary of Activities One Hundred Seventeenth Congress Report of the Committee on Ethics (H. Rept. 117–706); and

Committee on Agriculture. Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Activities During the 117th Congress (H. Rept. 117–707).

Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on Ways and Means. Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means During the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress (H. Rept. 117–708); and

Committee on Rules. Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules for the 117th Congress (H. Rept. 117–709). **Pages H10549–50**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeGette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10549**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Doyle, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Eighteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, effective December 31, 2022. **Page H10549**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignations of the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr.

Butterfield, and the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Doyle, the whole number of the House is 429.

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Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2028: Mr. Mondaire Jones of White Plains, New York.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:56 a.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 a.m. the Speaker declared the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress adjourned sine die, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1270)

H.R. 7776, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Signed on December 23, 2022. (Public Law 117–263)

H.R. 4373, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023. Signed on December 23, 2022. (Public Law 117–264)

H.R. 203, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4020 Broadway Street in Houston, Texas, as the “Benny C. Martinez Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–265)

H.R. 441, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and the conveyance of certain property to the Alaskan Native Tribal Health Consortium located in Anchorage, Alaska. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–266)

H.R. 478, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–267)

H.R. 1095, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South Willowbrook Avenue in Compton, California, as the “PFC James Anderson, Jr., Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–268)

H.R. 2472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82422 Cadiz Jewett Road in Cadiz, Ohio, as the “John Armor Bingham Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–269)

H.R. 2473, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Penn Avenue in Salem, Ohio, as the “Howard Arthur Tibbs Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–270)

H.R. 2724, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for peer support specialists for claimants who are survivors of military sexual trauma. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–271)

H.R. 3285, to amend gendered terms in Federal law relating to the President and the President's spouse. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–272)

H.R. 4250, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for rewards for the arrest or conviction of certain foreign nationals who have committed genocide or war crimes. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–273)

H.R. 4622, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 226 North Main Street in Roseville, Ohio, as the “Ronald E. Rosser Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–274)

H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–275)

H.R. 4899, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Broadway Street West, in Akeley, Minnesota, as the “Neal Kenneth Todd Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–276)

H.R. 5271, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee, as the “Thelma Harper Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–277)

H.R. 5349, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1550 State Road

S-38-211 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, as the “J.I. Washington Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-278)

H.R. 5650, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16605 East Avenue of the Fountains in Fountain Hills, Arizona, as the “Dr. C.T. Wright Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-279)

H.R. 5659, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1961 North C Street in Oxnard, California, as the “John R. Hatcher III Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-280)

H.R. 5794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 850 Walnut Street in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, as the “First Sergeant Leonard A. Funk, Jr. Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-281)

H.R. 5865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Bluebonnet Drive in Stafford, Texas, as the “Leonard Scarcella Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-282)

H.R. 5900, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-283)

H.R. 5943, to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Greenville, South Carolina, as the “Lance Corporal Dana Cornell Darnell VA Clinic”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-284)

H.R. 5952, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 East Main Street, in Vergas, Minnesota, as the “Jon Glawe Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-285)

H.R. 5961, to make revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-286)

H.R. 5973, to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-287)

H.R. 6042, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 213 William Hilton Parkway in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, as the “Caesar H. Wright Jr. Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-288)

H.R. 6064, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of examinations, furnished by the

Secretary, to individuals who submit claims to the Secretary for compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code, for mental and physical conditions linked to military sexual trauma. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-289)

H.R. 6080, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5420 Kavanaugh Boulevard in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the “Ronald A. Robinson Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-290)

H.R. 6218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 317 Blattner Drive in Avon, Minnesota, as the “W.O.C. Kort Miller Plantenberg Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-291)

H.R. 6220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 3rd Avenue Northwest in Perham, Minnesota, as the “Charles P. Nord Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-292)

H.R. 6221, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 155 Main Avenue West in Winsted, Minnesota, as the “James A. Rogers Jr. Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-293)

H.R. 6267, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, as the “Sergeant Gerald T. ‘Jerry’ Donnellan Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-294)

H.R. 6386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the “Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-295)

H.R. 6427, to amend the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act to modify the boundary of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-296)

H.R. 6604, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the method by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines the effects of a closure or disapproval of an educational institution on individuals who do not transfer credits from such institution. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-297)

H.R. 6630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 N Kraemer Blvd. in Placentia, California, as the “PFC Jang Ho Kim Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117-298)

H.R. 6917, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 East Congress Parkway in Crystal Lake, Illinois, as the “Ryan J.

Cummings Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–299)

H.R. 6961, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve hearings before the Board of Veterans’ Appeals regarding claims involving military sexual trauma. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–300)

H.R. 7181, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to direct the Secretary of Transportation to seek to provide for the posting of contact information of the national human trafficking hotline in the restrooms of each aircraft, airport, over-the-road bus, bus station, passenger train, and passenger railroad station operating within the United States. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–301)

H.R. 7299, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to obtain an independent cybersecurity assessment of information systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–302)

H.R. 7335, to improve coordination between the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration with respect to claims for compensation arising from military sexual trauma. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–303)

H.R. 7514, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 345 South Main Street in Butler, Pennsylvania, as the “Andrew Gomer Williams Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–304)

H.R. 7518, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23200 John R Road in Hazel Park, Michigan, as the “Roy E. Dickens Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–305)

H.R. 7519, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2050 South Boulevard in Bloomfield Township, Michigan, as the “Dr. Ezra S. Parke Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–306)

H.R. 7638, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6000 South Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida, as the “U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–307)

H.R. 7735, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the appraisal requirements for certain loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–308)

H.R. 8025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 South 1st Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Martin Olav Sabo

Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–309)

H.R. 8026, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 825 West 65th Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Charles W. Lindberg Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–310)

H.R. 8203, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 651 Business Interstate Highway 35 North Suite 420 in New Braunfels, Texas, as the “Bob Krueger Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–311)

H.R. 8226, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 236 Concord Exchange North in South Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the “Officer Leo Pavlak Post Office Building”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–312)

H.R. 8260, to amend title 38, United States Code, to shorten the timeframe for designation of benefits under Department of Veterans Affairs life insurance programs, to improve the treatment of undisbursed life insurance benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–313)

H.R. 9308, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6401 El Cajon Boulevard in San Diego, California, as the “Susan A. Davis Post Office”. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–314)

S. 7, to make a technical amendment to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–315)

S. 558, to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–316)

S. 789, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–317)

S. 1466, to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a regional program to assess, monitor, and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–318)

S. 1687, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–319)

S. 2607, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979–1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through

and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–320)

S. 2899, to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to address deficiencies and make necessary upgrades to the security camera and radio systems of the Bureau of Prisons to ensure the health and safety of employees and inmates. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–321)

S. 2991, to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–322)

S. 3846, to reauthorize the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–323)

S. 3905, to prevent organizational conflicts of interest in Federal acquisition. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–324)

S. 4003, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for training on alternatives to use of force, de-escalation, and mental and behavioral health and suicidal crises. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–325)

S. 5229, to direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to remove the bust of Roger

Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol and to obtain a bust of Thurgood Marshall for installation in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–326)

S. 5230, to increase accessibility to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Signed on December 27, 2022. (Public Law 117–327)

H.R. 2617, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for providing emergency assistance for the situation in Ukraine. Signed on December 29, 2022. (Public Law 117–328)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Tuesday, January 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, January 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will convene the First Session of the 118th Congress.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will convene the First Session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress.

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